to levels of consumption in the previous years. Hus has resulted in savings in both physical and financial terms. The long .term- measures include the introduciton of more fuel-efficient vehicles, improvements in the' systems of storage, handling and distribution of petroleum products to reduce wastage; use of cheaper fuels e.g. L.P.G. for kerosene etc. Expert groups in the three Services have been established to recommend measures for reduction in the consumption and to monitor pro gress of measures already introduced.

4009. *[Transfered to the 19th August,*

रक्षा मंत्रालय के चयन बोर्डों में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों और अल्पसंख्यक वर्गों का प्रतिनिधित्व

4010. मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय और उसके अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों में गठित चयन समितियों/बोर्डों में नियुक्त किये गये अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों और अल्पसंख्यक वर्गों के प्रतिनिधियों के नाम और पदनाम क्या-क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या किन्हीं निकायों में ये स्थान रिक्त पड़े हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब से और इसका ब्योरा क्या है तथा इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Manufacture of small arms by Ordinance Factories

4011. SHRI SOM PAL:

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be ple ased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small arms for civilian use manufactured by Indian Ordnance Factories are in big demand;

(b) if so, what is being done to fill the gap between demand and supply of such arms; and

(c) whether there is any scope for there export, if so, what has been done in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCI (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Though Ordnance Factories' capa city is primarily intended to cater to the requirements of the Defence, Para-Milk tary and Central/State Police Forces, yes steps have been taken to increase the production of small arms from the exisi ing infrastructure in the Ordnance Fac lories, to meet additional demand in the civilian market to some extent.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b above.

Appointment of Deputy General Manage (Finance and Accounts) in CSD, Bomba

4012. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MA LAVIYA; Will the Minister of DEFENC be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria laid down for appointing General Manager, It. Genen Manager, Dy. General Managers, in tl Canteen Stores Department (CSD) Bon bay;

(b) whether the present Dy. Gener; Manager (Finance and Accounts) has bee appointed as per rules;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that one of tl Regional Managers of the CSD Bomba was found involved in a case regardii irregularity; and